

Minutes of the Daviess County Commission
October 7, 2026

The Honorable Daviess County Commission met on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, in the Commission Court Room, 2nd Floor of Daviess County Courthouse, 102 N. Main St Gallatin, MO. David Cox, First District Commissioner, called the meeting to order at 8:13 a.m.

ATTENDANCE:

David Cox, First District
Wayne Uthe, Second District
Rachel Taylor, County Clerk

APPROVE BUSINESS:

Commissioner Uthe made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. All in favor: Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 2-0.
Commissioner Uthe made a motion to accept the September 30, 2026, Commission minutes. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. All in favor: Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 2-0.
Commissioner Uthe made a motion to pay all invoices. Commissioner Cox seconded the motion. All in favor: Cox-aye, Uthe-aye. Motion carried 2-0.

ROAD AND BRIDGE:

James Lewis, Road and Bridge Supervisor, updated the Commission that the crew filled rock around a tube easement on Major Ave in Jackson Township and around bridge 430001.0 on Jump Ave in Jamesport Township.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Commission reviewed the total numbers for health insurance renewal. A discussion was held on how to separate the employee and employer portions regarding the increased costs. The Commission decided to wait until next Wednesday for Presiding Commissioner Ruse to return before a final decision is made.

BRIDGES:

The Commission reviewed and signed BRO 001 progress report #15. No action required.

NEW BUSINESS:

Coroner, Jason Smith, presented his training certificate for 2026. This will complete the required training hours for the coroner.

Joel Cannon, Historical Society, met with the Commission to request another letter for a second grant for the Rotary Jail Museum. This grant is from the Missouri Humanities Grant Committee for \$5,000. The funds will help pay for a kiosk for self-guided tours of the museum. The Commission agreed and will sign the letter next Wednesday.

David Roll, Emergency Management, met with the Commission to update them on the SEMA conference he attended last week. David also found another mini grant for a storm siren for the City of Pattonsburg. Applications will not be available until the end of the year.

Jenn Osborn, MU Extension, Nate Mechlin, USDA, and Byron Mitchell, US Fish and Wildlife, met with the Commission to discuss the possibilities of planting a wildflower patch for the Hwy 13 butterfly trail. Discussion was held on the steps to successfully establish a butterfly garden. The size of the garden will be at the Commission's discretion. The Commission will consider the process and the costs.

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Approved:

Presiding Commissioner

1st District Commissioner

2nd District Commissioner

Attest:

County Clerk

Date _____

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